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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed on January 24, 2008, in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time. Please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.